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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT, CONDUCT OF RELATIONS WA

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REF: DIRECTOR'S LETTER OF JULY 24, 1974

1. REPORT GIVES IMPRESSIVE ANALYSIS STATUS US REGIONAL RELATIONS. EMPHASIS ON NIGERIA, GHANA, IC SOUND. MORE ENERGETIC SEARCH FOR AREAS MUTUAL INTEREST NEEDED. PROMOTION WA COMMON MARKET PROMISING AND ONLY HOPE MAJOR US INVESTMENT INTEREST IN SMALL, POOR STATES. RE-DIRECTION AID AREA OPERATIONS TO PROMOTE COMMON OBJECTIVES ESSENTIAL.

2. SPECIAL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE INFORMER PORT TERRITORIES TO ASSOCIATE US WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT. NEED MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF FAVORABLE ACTIVITIES. BYRD AMENDMENT REPEAL WOULD HELP. EARLY, HIGH LEVEL STATEMENT BY NEW ADMINISTRATION ON FUTURE US RELATIONS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRED. SHOULD EMPHASIZE INEVITABILITY MAJORITY RULE, PRESENT WASTE HUMAN RESOURCES, FUTURE OF NAMIBIV, NEED FOR SA PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. STATEMENT MUST BE SOMETHING BOUTEFLIKA CAN COMMEND, GIVE HOPE TO REASONABLE ELEMENTS IN SR AND SA, BRING US CLOSER TO LEGITIMATE OAU ASPIRATIONS. US OFFER TO PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY WITH ARAB, BLACK AND WHITE AFRICANS IN CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

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TRANSFERS MIGHT DO FOR STARTER. OFFER TO MATCH
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARABS AND OTHERS TO ADB WITHIN LIMITS MERITS
STUDY.

3. INSPECTORS PERCEPTIONS OF RSO, WACASC, RBFO, ASSIGNMENT
TOO MANY FIRST TERM JOS CONSTRUCTIVE. RATHER THAN REVERSION TO
ALL POSTS OF BAND F FUNCTION WHY CAN NOT DAKAR ASSUME BAND F,
RSO SUPPORT OF BANJUL AND PERHAPS NOUAKCHOTT, FOR EXAMPLE?

4. RE BANJUL'S SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, ARRIVAL EXPERIENCED ADMINO,
NEW CHANCERY PREMISES, SECOND VEHICLE WILL HELP. POST NEEDS
THREE NEW LOCAL POSITIONS; RECEPTIONIST, SECOND DRIVER, JANITOR.
COMMUNICATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH DAKAR, SUPPLY AND RFC SUPPORT
REMAIN CRITICAL. LOOK FOR IMPROVED WACASC SUPPORT FROM TEMA.
SURFACE SHIPMENT PERSONAL MAIL A CRUEL JOKE AVERAGING FOUR TO
SIX MONTHS TRANSIT TIME. MINIMUM 25 PERCENT OFFICIAL AD PERSONAL
MAIL IS ROUTED.

5. NEW STYLE INSPECTION WITH MINIMAL NITPICKING, REGIONAL EMPHASIS
COMMENDED. MCFARLAND

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